

An Account of
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No. 23

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WILLIAM CLAMP,

Boatswain of Their Majesties Ship the *York*, and his Mate *William Griffin*, together with Sergeant *Vallone*; Before the Honourable

• Sir Francis Wheeler,

Admiral of the *Mediterranean Squadron*, and Rear-Admiral of the *Red*:
And the Right Honourable

The Earl of Danby,

Rear-Admiral of the *Blew*. On Board Their Majesties Ship the *Carlisle*.
The Two Former for Cheating the King, in Embezzeling Their Majesties Stores: The
Latter for Killing his Fellow Soldier: VVho being Convicted and Condemned, were
Executed on Board at *Portsmouth* on Friday the 24th. of this Instant November 1693.
VVith their Behaviour at the Execution.

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SIR Francis Wheeler, Admiral of the *Mediterranean Squadron*, and Rear Admiral of the *Red* of Their Majesties Fleet, hoisted his Flag on Board Their Majesties Ship *Carlisle*, on the 24th. Ultimo: and on the 26th. following, made his Signal for a Council of War, upon which the Right Honourable the Earl of Danby Rear Admiral of the *Blew*, and Captains of the Fleet as usually, came on Board, where being Set, *William Clamp* and his Mate *William Griffin* were brought before the Honourable Board, and Four Evidences, *Robert Fielding*, *Daniel Browne*, *Henry Seagoood*, and *Thomas Chandler*, likewise belonging to the *York*, by *Matthias Budwel*, Provost Marshal of Their Majesties Fleet. The Evidence for the

King Swore, That Boatswain *Clamp* receiving some Stores a shore, instead of bringing them on Board the *York*, put them on Board a *Ketch*, and sent his Mate a shore a day or two following to receive Money for them, which Money the Evidence Swore they saw them telling over in the Mates Cabin: The Boatswain and his Mate both denied the Fact, and said they were brought on Board, and alledg'd that the Evidence had Threatned to be Reveng'd of them, because they had beat them for their Laziness on Board, however this Insinuation did not prevail, for the Unanimous Vote of the Board declar'd them both Guilty; upon which they were confin'd to the Boatswain's Cabin of the *Carlisle*, where they bewail'd their Misfortune with great

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Penitence, continuing to assert their Innocence, particularly the Mate, owning they had been Tardy formerly.

Every day of the last Week, the Chaplain of the *St. Michael* came on Board to Visit them, and Instruct them to prepare for a better World. On *Thursday* last he told them they must despair of a Pardon, and direct their Petitions to Almighty God, and beg Pardon for their Sins, by making an open Confession of them; the Boatswain told him, he had been a great Sinner, and had two Wives Living, One at *Chatham*, and another at *Portsmouth*, that he deserv'd Death, but denied the present Fact. The Mate forgave the Evidence very heartily, and thanked them for the kindness they had done him; hoping by their wrong Accusation, he might enjoy Heaven, and seem'd very well pleas'd at his Change. On *Sunday* the 19th. they receiv'd the Sacrament, and within two hours after were carried on Board the *St. Michael*, Guarded by the Provost-Marshal, Corporal, and Musquetiers. This morning a Council of War was call'd on Board the *St. Michael*, (where the Flag now is) and about Eleven a Clock they were both Hang'd, the Boat-

John Vallone a *Switzer*, had been in the Service ever since the War, formerly a Soldier in *France*, and Barber Chyrurgion by Profession; one Night on Board the *Berwick*, he and one *William Pike* an *Irish* man being both drunk, they could not agree about a peice of Candle, and falling out, they fell to Blows, upon which *Vallone* gave him a Cut from his Ear to the end of his Mouth with his Knife, upon which he was secur'd, and *Pike* taken into Cure and set a shore, where he dyed in a Fort-nights time of that Wound, as the Doctor Swore; he was likewise Tryed by the foregoing Honourable Board on the same day as the Boatswain, and having nothing to say for himself, he was found Guilty of wilful Murther; From which time, till he was Executed, he Repented very heartily of Sins, That he had been guilty of Whoring and Drinking, and Irreligious Life, and hoped that God would have Mercy on his poor Soul. He was Hang'd this morning with the Boatswain and his Mate, at the *Starboard wain Yard-Arm*.